

# Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)  
Scoping Meeting

May 2023





# Presentation Outline



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✓ Logistics



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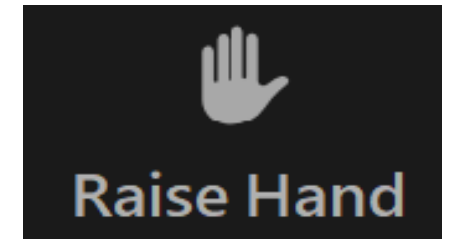
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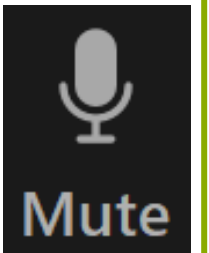


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✓ Meeting Purpose



# Meeting Purpose



- Present the proposed Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program (Proposed Program)
- Provide an overview on the environmental analysis
- Provide guidance on how to submit scoping comments



# ✓ Program Overview



# Solid Resources Overview



- Responsible for the collection and removal of all solid waste materials in the City of Los Angeles
- Provides collection services to ~750,000 households, comprised of single-family homes and multi-family complexes (2-4 units), and City facilities
- Public-private partnership launched in 2017
- Provides collection services to ~65,000 multi-family complexes (>4 units), condominiums, and commercial businesses



# LASAN Solid Resources Overview



- LASAN's curbside collection services include:
  - **Blue Bin** for recyclables
  - **Green Bin** for organics
  - **Black Bin** for refuse
  - **Brown Bin** for horse manure
- LASAN's additional specialized services include:
  - On call bulky item collection
  - On call seasonal Christmas tree collection
  - On call electronic waste collection
  - Household hazardous waste collection through SAFE Centers





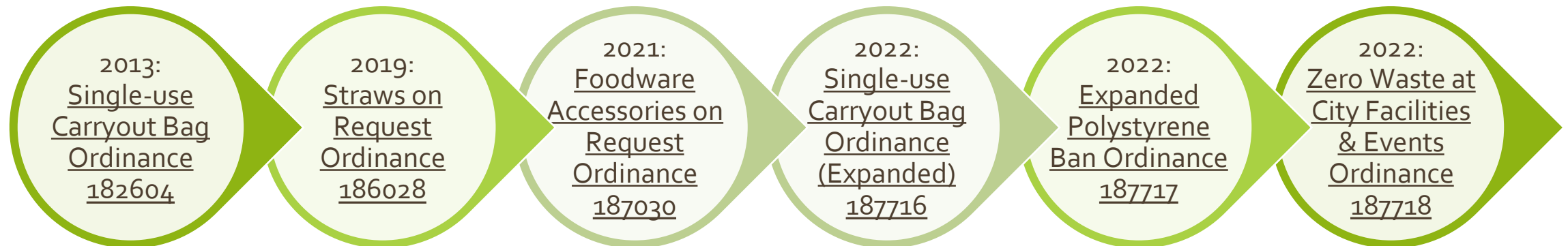
# The Plastics Problem

- Less than 10% of plastics are recycled globally
- Over 6 billion metric tons of plastic waste in the earth's environment, including millions of tons ending up in the ocean annually
- UCLA Luskin Study (2020)
  - Plastics are primary source of land litter in California
  - Urban runoff channels plastics to Pacific Ocean
  - Loss of tourism & recreational/aesthetic values
  - Human health impacts
  - Most single-use plastics are not recycled
  - Food residue minimizes recyclability of single-use plastic foodware

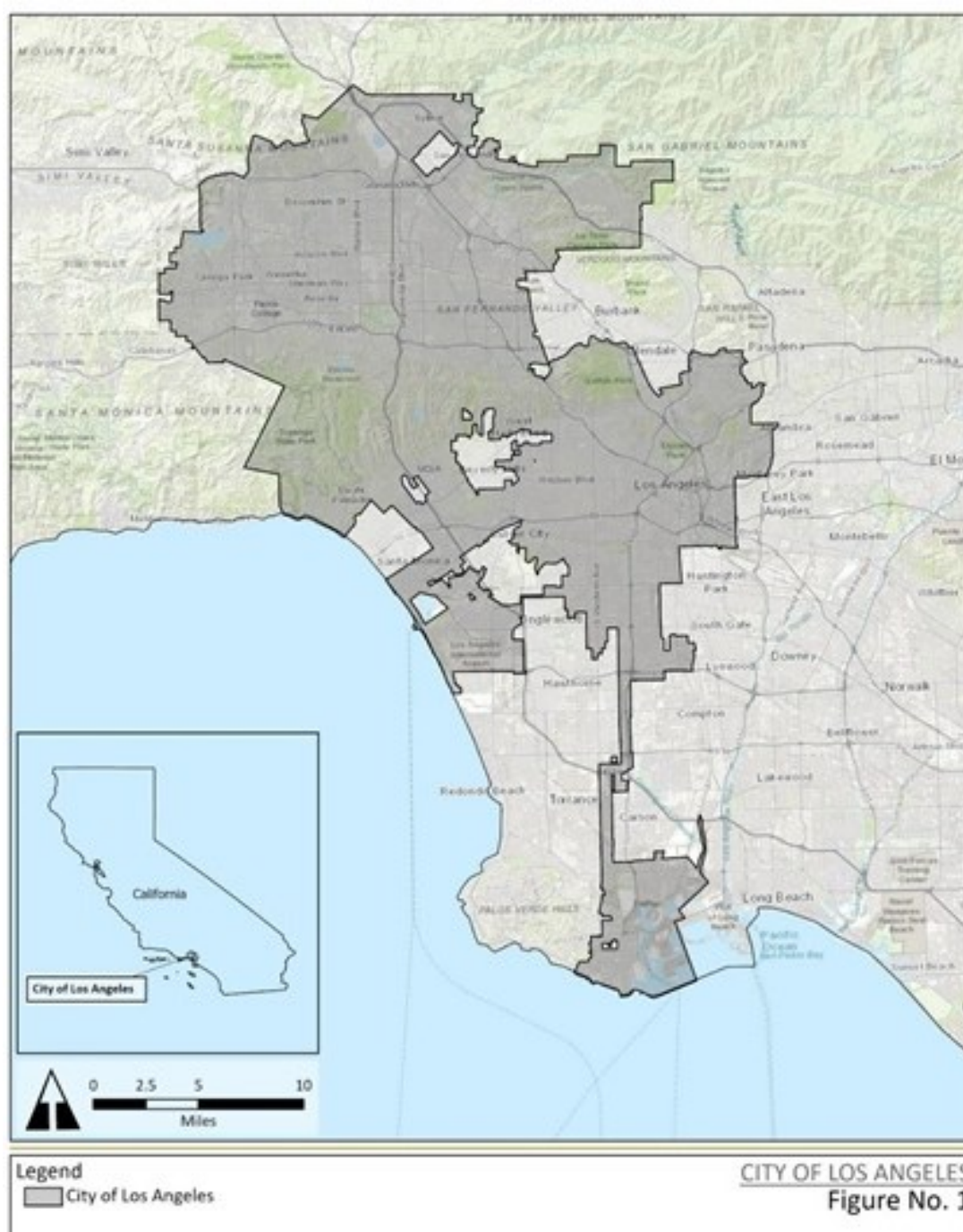




# How Has the City Responded to the Plastics Problem?







# Proposed Program Location

The Proposed Program would occur throughout the entirety of the City of Los Angeles



# Proposed Program



Create a comprehensive citywide strategy to reduce plastic waste and reduce the environmental and human health impacts of single-use plastics



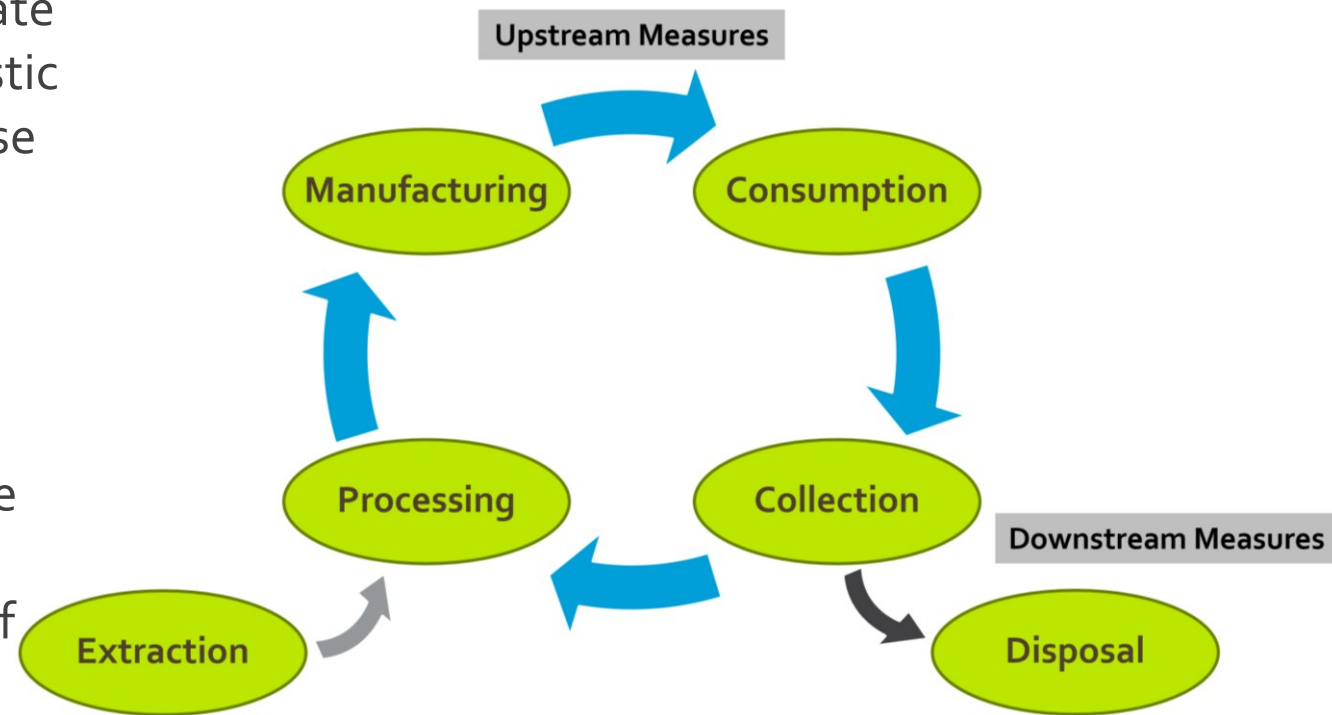


# Proposed Program Overview



The Proposed Program would encompass two (2) major components:

1. Upstream measures – reduce/eliminate production and use of single-use plastic products and encourage use and reuse of other items, thereby reducing or eliminating the input of single-use plastics into the City's waste stream and the environment; and
2. Downstream measures – increase the City's ability to manage collecting, reusing, recycling, and composting of alternative materials and support reusable products



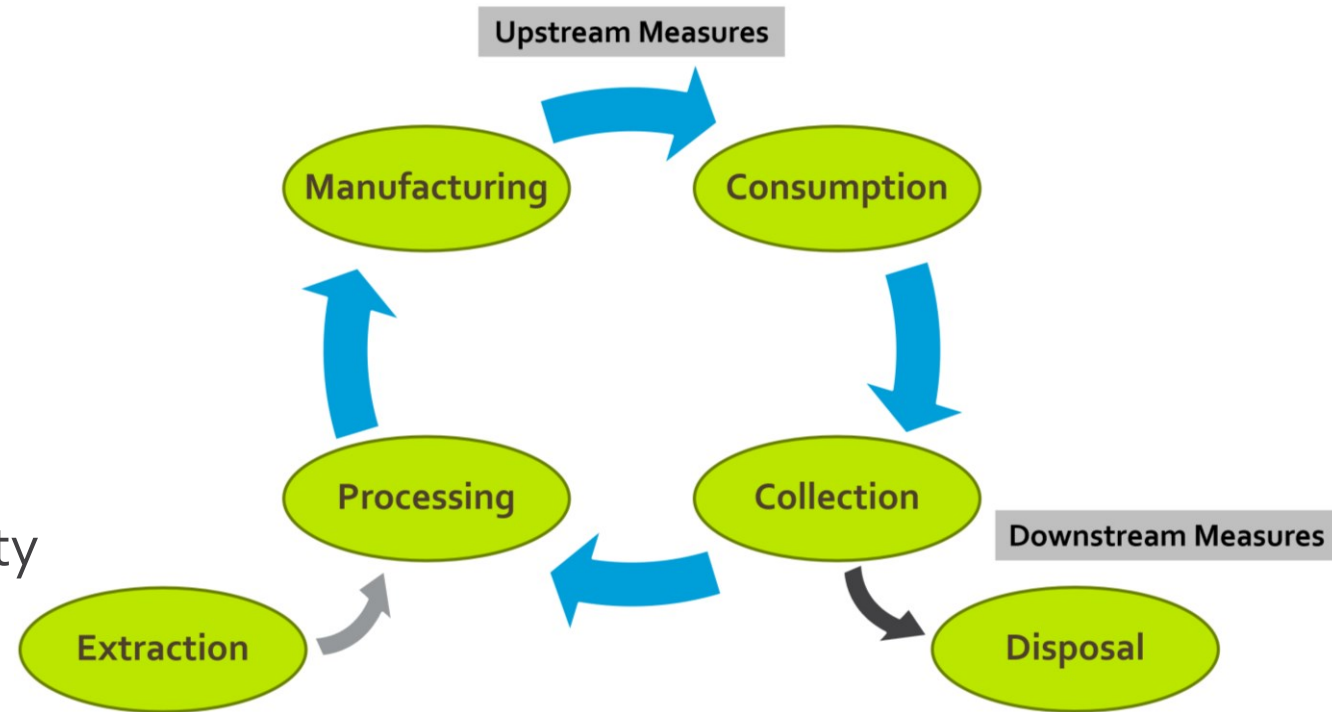


# Proposed Program Overview



## Upstream Measures

- Plastic bottle policies
- Foodware policies
- Textile policies
- Plastic bag and film policies
- Bioplastics policy
- PFAS policy
- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Outreach and Education
- Other upstream measures



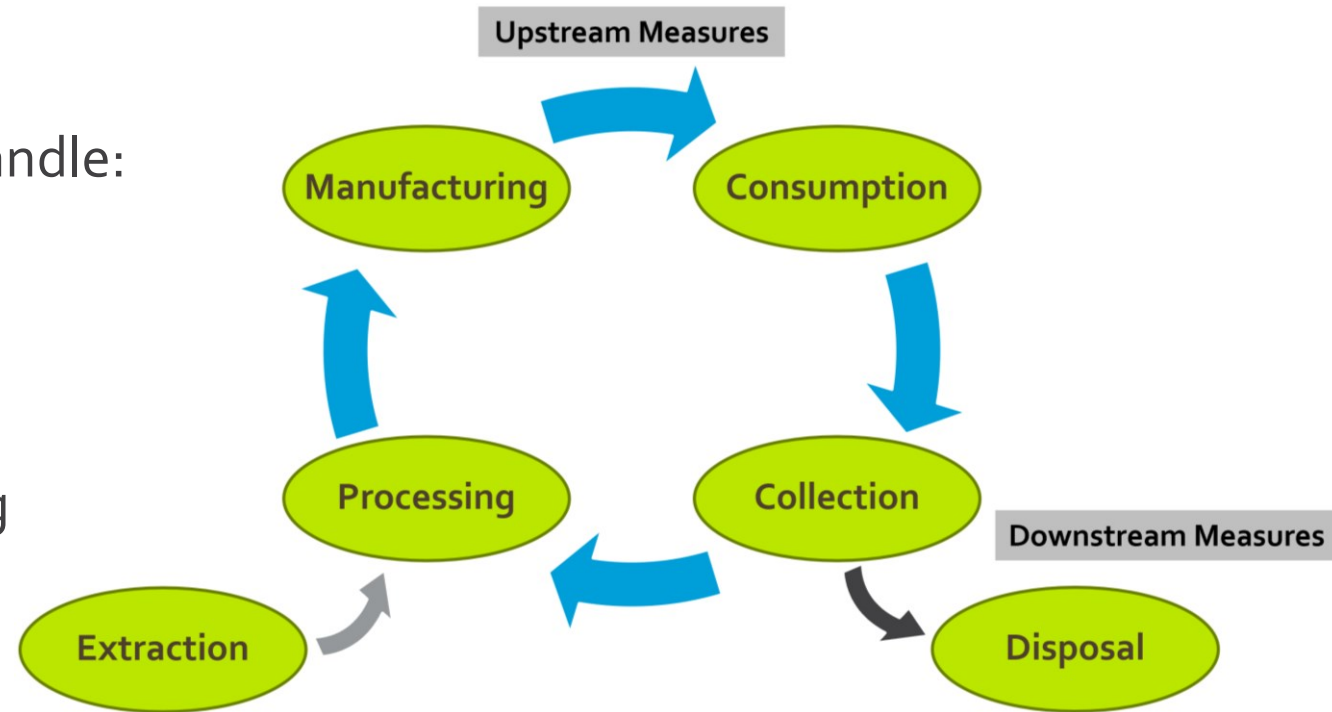


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## Downstream Measures

- Bottle refilling stations
- Development or expansion of facilities and infrastructure to handle:
  - Compostable materials
  - Recyclable materials
  - Solid waste
  - Foodware and linen washing
- Other downstream measures





✓ CEQA Process &  
Schedule



# CEQA Overview

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- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is a California law requiring public agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of a project
- Purpose of CEQA is to provide disclosure
  - Inform decision makers about environmental effects
  - Involve public participation in the planning process
  - Identify and incorporate feasible means of reducing environmental impacts
- The Notice of Preparation (NOP) issued May 1, 2023
  - Announced that a PEIR will be prepared
  - Initiates 30-day public scoping period
  - Copy of the NOP is available at: [www.lacitysan.org/ceqa](http://www.lacitysan.org/ceqa)



# Environmental Issues to be Analyzed



Aesthetics



Agriculture and  
Forestry Resources



Air Quality



Biological Resources



Cultural Resources



Energy



Geology and Soils



Greenhouse Gas  
Emissions



Hazards and  
Hazardous Materials



Hydrology and  
Water Quality



Land Use and  
Planning



Mineral Resources



Noise



Population and  
Housing



Public Services



Recreation



Transportation



Tribal Cultural  
Resources



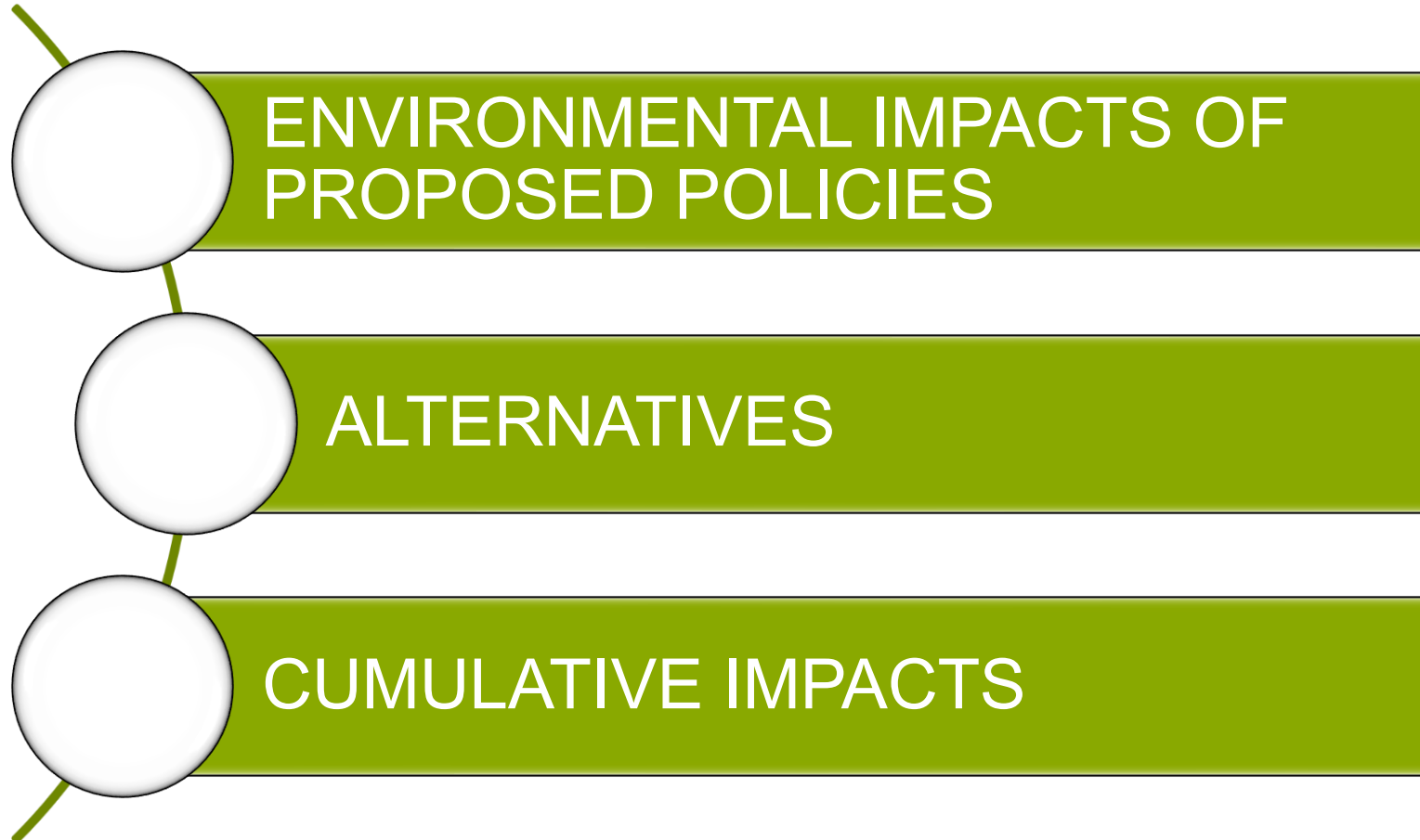
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Systems



Wildfire

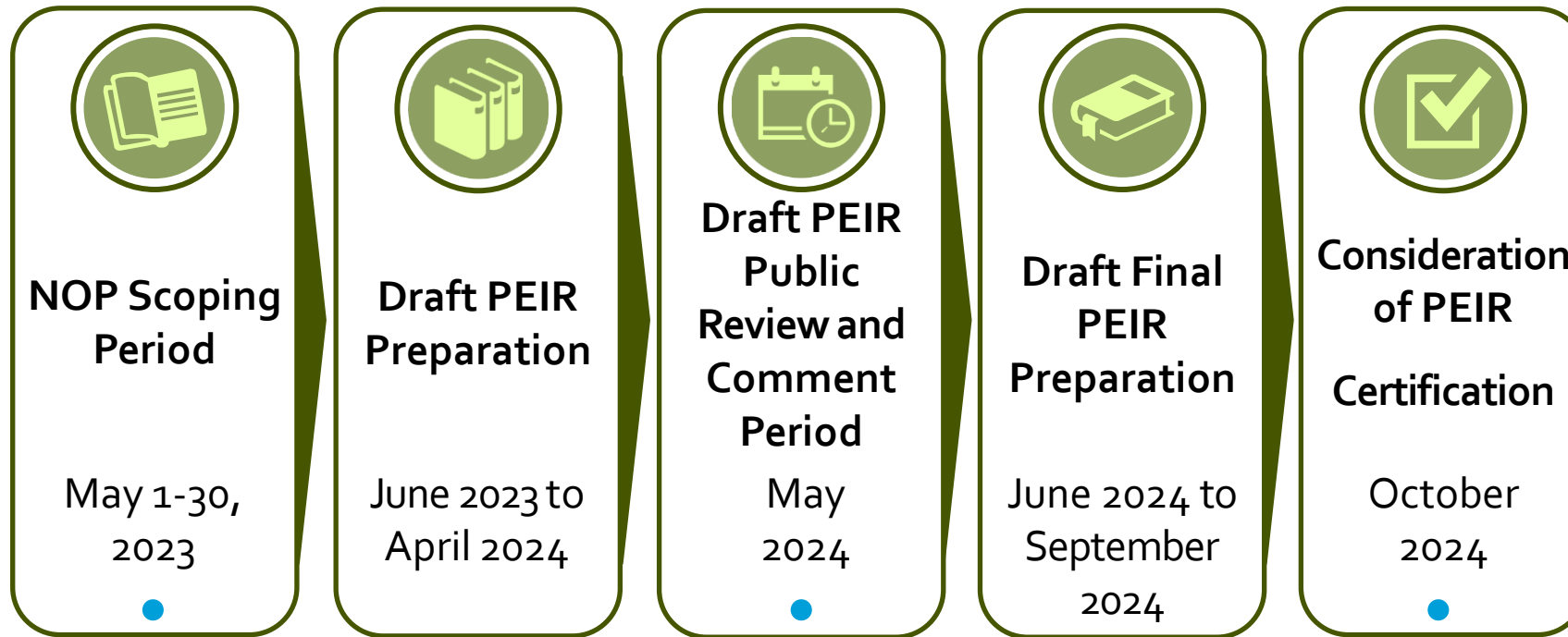


# Proposed Program Elements to be Evaluated





# CEQA PEIR Process & Schedule



● Opportunities for public input



✓ Public Comments



# Public Comments



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# Questions & Comments





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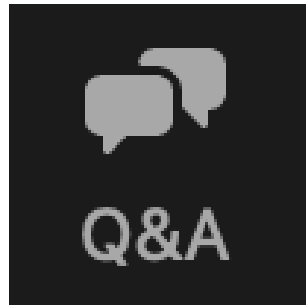
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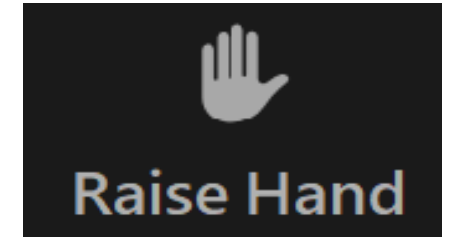


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